

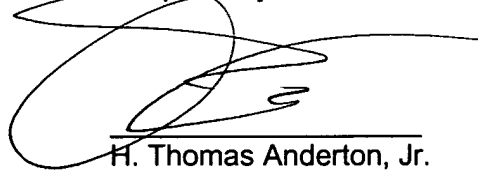
Claims 1-11, 13, 51-57, 59 and 61-62 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, because, according to the Advisory Action, contrary to the assertion in the Office Action, the specification does not indicate why the Amidase/Esterase ratio is important. The Examiner has not communicated why "important" is at issue (see, e.g., Examiner, see e.g., MPEP 2164.03, 2163.04, etc.) in spite of the fact that Applicants have satisfied this request (see Response dated December 3, 2002). Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Additionally, the Advisory Action provided that Applicants arguments did not overcome the rejections of claims 1-11, 13, 51-57, 59 and 61-62 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Berglund, et al. These rejections are traversed for the reasons set forth herein, as well as reasons set forth in the previous Office Action. The Advisory Action seems to state (or imply, though it certainly is not clear) that Applicants recited claim language, "chiral," is within the broad proposition, "...the opportunities for generating catalysts with other improved properties, such as changed specificities, are self-evident..." provided in the art, without giving any (facial) textual support for that bald assertion. Applicants again point out that the art must teach or suggest the claimed limitation, and the burden of communicating the basis for the rejection is on the Examiner, see e.g., MPEP 2164.03, 2163.04, etc. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance and issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Examiner Patterson is invited to contact Applicants at (650) 846-7544 if there are additional questions/concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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